

It may well be for a good purpose and certainly I have supported instances when that was the case, that I thought it was for a good purpose and the money was on hand such as increasing state aid by \$40 million a couple years ago. I had no problem with it but the facts are that the mere fact that we did that also contributed to some of the revenue problems that we saw a couple years later because once you establish that new base of appropriations you have to continue to raise the funds to do it. And then finally, I also think it is unnecessary to call special sessions to adjust for those rates because of the economy and more importantly I think it is unnecessary to adjust... to have a special session to adjust rates for federal changes in rates. And if the indexing continues, if a number of things continue at the federal level, it appears to be some possibility we could be in and out of session a great many times and while I would support legislation that required a special session for substantive federal changes in the federal tax law but if it deals only with rates then I see no need for those kinds of special sessions. With that, Mr. President, I withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, since this is going to obviously impact the future I want to get on the record certain things. The first thing, a United States Army officer or any officer is taught when they go into the military is an officer is responsible for everything his men do or fail to do. In other words, accountability. You are responsible for your actions. That is the essence of 169, being responsible for our own actions and the present system is the precise opposite of that. We take the actions, somebody else supposedly is held accountable. So I would submit that 169, taking the responsibility for our actions and accountability to ourselves is proper. On the points that Senator Warner raised, my amendments on the bill did, I think, just exactly and precisely what he was suggesting needed to be done. I would have liked to put them on. I guess I think that in the bill that would be introduced next year to set the rates, they would probably be involved in it and you would find it necessary so I think he is completely right in that respect. I agree completely. I would have liked to offer my amendments.